

## House Resolution No. 3842

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State veterans organizations whose commemorative events immortalize the lives and sacrifices of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who valiantly answered the patriotic call to national service during times of worldwide turmoil; and

**Whereas**, on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007, American Legion Post 240 will remember the contributions of veteran Ralph Gillmore, Sr., of Richland, Missouri, who was born on July 17, 1926, in Pacific, Missouri, and who died on September 17, 2000, at the age of seventy-four; and

**Whereas**, Ralph Gillmore enlisted in the United States Army at the height of World War II and was a combatant in the European Theater of operations until his capture near Munich, Germany; and

**Whereas**, a Prisoner of War for eighteen months, Ralph Gillmore subsequently was liberated by Allied forces, spent more than four months recovering from malnutrition and poor health during his time as a Prisoner of War, and was discharged from the military; and

**Whereas**, Ralph Gillmore received a Silver Star, a Bronze Star with two star attachment devices, a Purple Heart, the National Defense Ribbon, a World War II Victory Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Airborne Badge, and a Prisoner of War Medal; and

**Whereas**, on December 5, 1951, Ralph Gillmore married the former Delores Dempster to begin a family that would grow to include children Kimberly Hess, Kathleen Henson, Marilyn Gillmore, Sharon Gillmore, Nell Gillmore, Ralph Gillmore, Jr., Richard Gillmore, and Ralph Michael Gillmore; and

**Whereas**, a beloved son of James and Francis Gillmore, Ralph Gillmore was justifiably proud also to be known as the wonderful sibling of Paul Gillmore, Ted Gillmore, Alvie Gillmore, and Lucille Gillmore; and

**Whereas**, Ralph Gillmore was an active member of American Legion Post 240 who enjoyed turkey shoots and bingo:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute American Legion Post #240 as its members and officers commemorate Memorial Day and memorialize the life and accomplishments of the late Ralph Gillmore; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Ralph Gillmore, Sr., of Richland, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative David Day  
District No. 148

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3842, adopted May 23, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker